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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

Jean B. Corrielus

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 April 2007 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

1. The drawings are objected to because Fig. 3, "hierarchical" is mistyped as "Heirarchical". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
2. The drawings were received on 4/30/07. These drawings are not acceptable for the reasons set forth in the succeeding paragraph.

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3. In addition to Replacement Sheets containing the corrected drawing figure(s), applicant is required to submit a marked-up copy of each Replacement Sheet including annotations indicating the changes made to the previous version. The marked-up copy must be clearly labeled as "Annotated Sheets" and must be presented in the amendment or remarks section that explains the change(s) to the drawings. See 37 CFR 1.121(d)(1). Failure to timely submit the proposed drawing and marked-up copy will result in the abandonment of the application.

### ***Claim Objections***

4. Claims 1-13 are objected to because of the following informalities: claim 1, lines 8-9 is the recitation "the estimated transmitted multidimensional symbol S" the same as the recitation in line 4. If so in line 11, the parameter after "symbol" should amended so as to be consistent with the parameter in line 4, after "symbol". Claim 4, line 5, "a sub-optimal decoder" should be replaced by "said/the sub-optimal decoder" so as to make use of antecedent in line 2. Claim 5, line 6, "a" should be replaced by "said/the" so as to make use of antecedent in line 4.

Claim 8 recites "receiving a signal vectors  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  into an ordered or unordered linear decoder" however, it is noted that claim 1 does not recite that an ordered or unordered linear decoder is used to receive the signal vectors. Line 7, "a sub-optimal decoder" should be replaced by "said/the sub-optimal decoder" so as to make use of antecedent in claim 1. Claim 9, line 4, should "receiver" be replaced by "decoder" since line 2, recites such an element is a decoder. Claim 11, line 7, line 9, "R<sub>k</sub>" should be "R<sub>k</sub>" line

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8, is the limitation "the signal" the same as the limitation "a plurality of signal vectors  $y_1, \dots, y_k$ ) if so the claim should be amended to make use of its antecedent. If not proper antecedent basis should be provided for such a limitation. Line 8, "derived" is mistyped as "deived" in addition, "it can be" should be replaced by "said  $R_k$  subset is". Claim 12, line 2, "given" should be deleted; line 3, "can" should be deleted; line 3, "determine" should be replaced by "determines". Claim 13, "set" should be replaced by "subset" for consistency with antecedent in claim 11. In addition, the limitation " wherein the step of decoding the received symbol over the **set  $R_k$  intersect  $V, \dots$ , using maximum likelihood ML or minimum distance decoding over the reduced search space**" is not understood.

Note that any claim whose base claim is objected is likewise objected. Appropriate correction is required.

5. Claims 1-13 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objection set forth above.

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters noted above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.


A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B. Corrielus whose telephone number is 571-272-3020.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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